

Partnerships for Stewardship

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Looking at a Decrease in Project Funding? Get a Grant. Tips for Surviving Funding Cutbacks

Securing adequate funding to complete projects has often been difficult for collaborative groups, and it is about to get tougher. Agencies and nongovernmental organizations alike will be struggling to make ends meet over the next couple of years as cutbacks in both the public and private sectors take effect. If traditional sources of funding are drying up for your partnership, you might consider applying for grants.

Even though many foundations, trusts, and other grant suppliers saw their accounts dwindle as the stock market tumbled recently, there will still be grant money available. In fact, it may surprise you to know that there are foundations that actually plan to increase the level of their grant making in 2009.

However, competition will likely increase as more people apply for less money. Also, the economic crisis seems to be causing a shift toward meeting humanitarian needs and away from less pressing concerns like natural resources. Still, there will be money to be awarded, and your group might as well have a shot.

Andrea Mann, Coordinator for the Big Bend Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council, offers the following tips for getting grants.

- **DEVELOP A CLEAR PROPOSAL FOR YOUR PROJECT**
- **DEVELOP A SPECIFIC PROJECT BUDGET**
- **KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF THE FUNDER**
- **KNOW THE FUNDING GUIDELINES**
- **DEVELOP A PROPOSAL OUTLINE**
- **UNDERSTAND THE RANKING PROCESS**
- **MAKE A CALENDAR OF GRANTS**
- **CUT AND PASTE FROM PREVIOUS PROPOSALS**
- **ONLY SEND MATERIALS ASKED FOR**
- **KEEP TRYING!**

Search these Bulletins for Grant Opportunities:

Foundation Center RFP Bulletin:
<http://foundationcenter.org/newsletters/> - free electronic version

GrantStation Insider:
<http://www.rcdnet.org/insider.php> - free to RC&D Council members

\$89 per year to others
http://www.grantstation.com/Public/GSinsider_prompt.asp

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